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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Justice Views Letter on H.R. 4710-Conversation With OMB

During the week of 26 August 1988, I advised Brandon Blum, Legislative Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, that the Agency had no objection to a views letter of the Department of Justice on H.R. 4710, the Justice Fiscal Year 1989/90 authorization bill.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
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**LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM**

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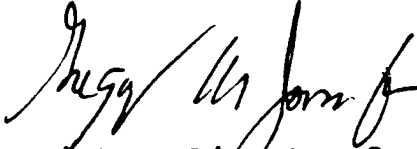
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**SUBJECT:** Department of Justice proposed report on H.R. 4710 --  
To authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice  
for FYs 1989 and 1990.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

Please provide us with your views no later than September 1, 1988.

Direct your questions to Branden Blum (395-3454), the legislative attorney in this office.

  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

**Enclosure**

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Washington, D.C. 20530

Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to advise you of the Department of Justice's views on H.R. 4710, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for FYs 1989 and 1990. We regret that we must oppose enactment of the bill in its current form and we urge that it be amended consistent with this letter.

I. Funding Levels

The proposed funding levels of H.R. 4710 differ from those levels recommended in the President's budget for 1989. In those areas where the funding level is below that recommended in the Administration's budget, H.R. 4710 prohibits the Department from carrying out its essential functions, such as fighting the war on drugs, and incarcerating federal prisoners. H.R. 4710 funding levels in this regard are inconsistent with Congress' previous commitment to strengthen law enforcement programs. In those categories where levels are somewhat above the Administration's request, H.R. 4710 provides resource levels for unforeseen circumstances, such as prisoner riots or increased litigation. However, in areas where H.R. 4710 authorizes a level well above the request, we recommend that it be adjusted as these levels may be detrimental to areas of the Department in need of additional resources. The following is a review of each level in H.R. 4710 that differs from the Administration's request.

At this time, it is premature for the Department to comment on the FY 1990 resource levels authorized in the Bill. The Department is currently in the process of developing the FY 1990 budget, and the Administration has yet to make any Department of Justice related FY 1990 budget decisions. Therefore, the proposed levels should be considered tentative and subject to change.